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## National rates of physical, psychological, and sexual teen dating violence

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# Study motivation

Comprehensive national rates of adolescent dating violence (ADV) are critical to understanding the scope of the problem.

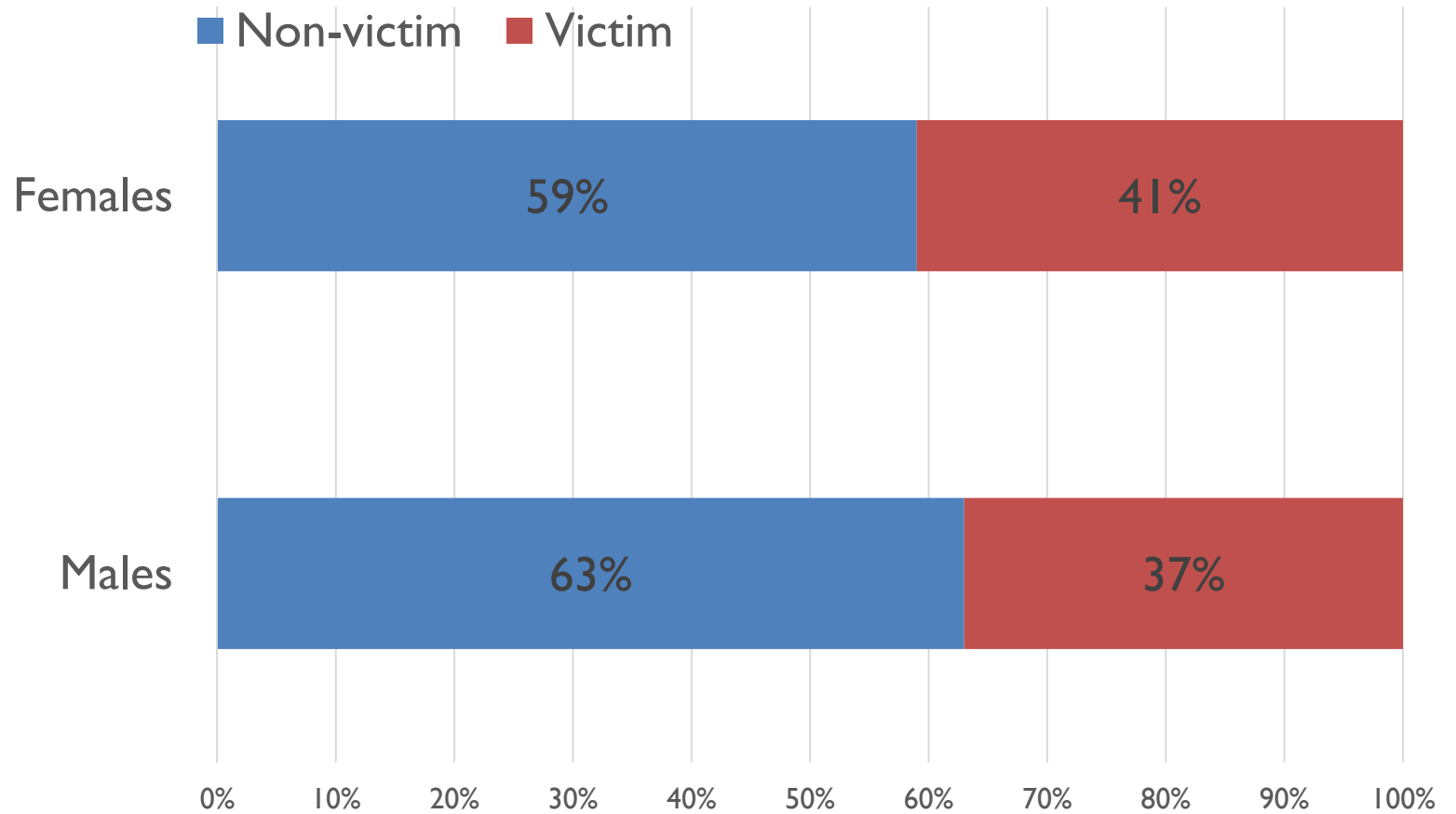
They also help with benchmarking for ongoing investigation into the behavior.

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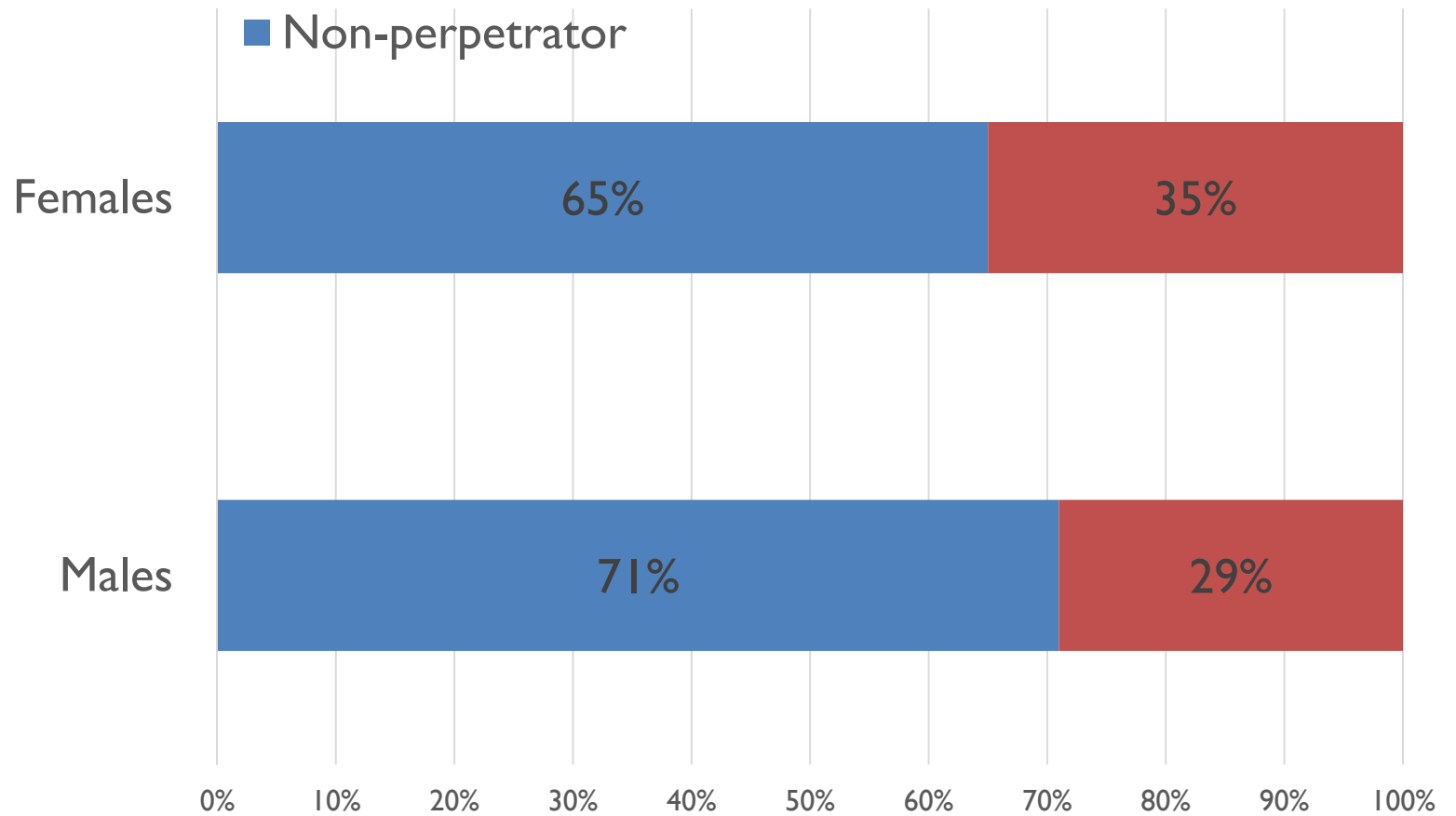
# Growing up with Media survey methodology

- Data are from the national, online Growing up with Media study.
- Data were collected in 2011 and 2012 from 1,058 adolescents 14-20 years of age;
- Data were analyzed in 2013

# ADV Victimization



# ADV Perpetration



## Differences are noted by sex

Females were significantly more likely than males to report:

- Physical ADV perpetration and
- Sexual ADV victimization.

Males were significantly more likely than females to report sexual ADV perpetration.

Rates were similar for males and females for:

- Physical ADV victimization
- Psychological ADV perpetration and
- Psychological ADV victimization

# Differences by other demographic characteristics

Prevalence generally increased with age

Rates were generally similar for:

- Race
- Ethnicity and
- Income



# Perpetrators are victims

Adolescents reported both victimization and perpetration experiences (these experiences could be in the same or different relationships):

- 29% of females
- 24% of males

# Conclusions

- ADV experiences are common among young people.
- Overlaps between victimization and perpetration, and across different forms of dating abuse also appear to be typical.
- Efforts to reduce ADV might benefit from consideration of dynamics within relationships that may result in non-defensive retaliatory behavior, as well as the extent to which ADV may occur in different relationships.